Express Mail Label No. ET 839122792 US UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE In re Application of: Norman Ken Ouchi Prior Examiner: Zarni Maung Title: Workflow Systems and Methods for Prior Art Unit: 2154 Attorney Docket No. Solectron 721 Project Management and Information Management Prior Application No. 09/417,280 Prior Filing date: October 13, 1999 PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231 Dear Examiner: Please enter the following preliminary amendment: 

## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

- Please add the following in the first sentence of the specification: after "U.S. Application No.
- 09/417,280," --filed on October 13, 1999,-- and after "U.S. Application No. 08/901,539," --filed
- on July 28, 1997,--.

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**REMARKS** This preliminary amendment adds the filing dates of the parent and grandparent applications. Please call if there is any question, comment, or it will expedite progress of the application. Respectfully submitted, Wobert mill Robert Moli Reg. No. 33,741 ∐48 ≟48 : 22 Robert Moll 1173 St. Charles Court Los Altos, CA 9402470 Tel: 650-567-9153 Fax: 650-567-9183 Email: rgmoll@patentplanet.com